

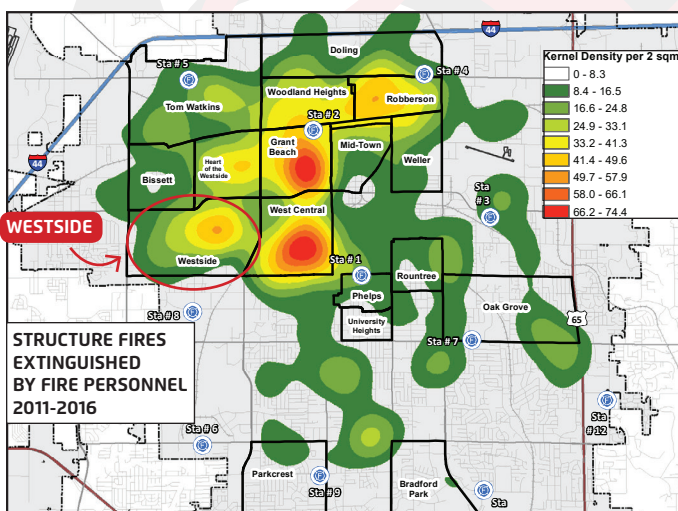
Community Risk Reduction and Project RED Zone



In February, the Fire Department continued to shift its focus toward community risk reduction. In support of this shift, the Prevention Division was officially renamed the Community Risk Reduction Division. Community Risk Reduction (CRR) involves identifying and prioritizing risks, selecting and implementing strategies, monitoring and evaluating activities, and involving community partners, in an effort to better protect residents and firefighters. The focus is not only on prevention, but also preparedness and mitigation.

The Springfield Fire Department completed the first full year of Project RED Zone in the first quarter of 2018. Since January, the department continues to make every effort to ensure families in high risk areas of the city have the advanced warning necessary to escape from a house fire. Between January and March, the department canvassed the Heart of the Westside neighborhood. Firefighters spent several Saturday afternoons walking the neighborhood and visiting residences in an effort to determine the level of protection present within each home. Firefighters visited 1,553 homes, tested 320 existing smoke alarms, replaced 65 smoke alarm batteries installed 165 smoke alarms. That brings the total number of alarms installed during Project RED Zone to 1,256. During Project RED Zone there have been three documented instances where people were alerted to a fire by an alarm installed during the initiative. Recently, there have been three documented instances where smoke alarms alerted a sleeping occupant and allowed them to escape a house fire.

In a related situation, while crews were canvassing in March, they spoke with residents of a house who reported headaches at night. Crews checked the residence and determined there was a natural gas leak. City Utilities responded and addressed the situation. This illustrates the ongoing partnership between organizations to find and successfully remedy dangerous situations for the residents of the City.



Fire Department crews are preparing to begin smoke alarm canvasses in the Westside neighborhood, another portion of the City with an elevated risk for fires and deaths as a result of fires. As always, the Fire Department offers free smoke alarms and batteries to anyone in need. To request an alarm, call 874-2300.

Services to the Community

- Emergency fire protection
- Fire prevention through public education
- Assistance in medical emergencies
- Water rescue
- Technical rescue
- Hazardous materials response
- Investigations and inspections
- Bomb Squad
- Code Enforcement and Development
- Plans Review

Fire and Life Safety Resources for the Community

- Free smoke alarms/batteries
- Fire Safety presentation
- Fire Extinguisher training
- Youth Fire intervention program
- CPR/AED and First Aid Training
- Home Safety Surveys

Contact Us:

**Fire Department
Headquarters:**
830 N. Boonville Ave.
Springfield, MO 65804
417-874-2300

**Presentations and
training opportunities:**
417-874-2381

Crime Stoppers:
(417) 869-TIPS

Text a Tip: Text 417SPD
plus your message or photo
to CRIMES (274637)

FOR EMERGENCIES:
CALL 911

Learn more about how you can be involved in fire prevention efforts:

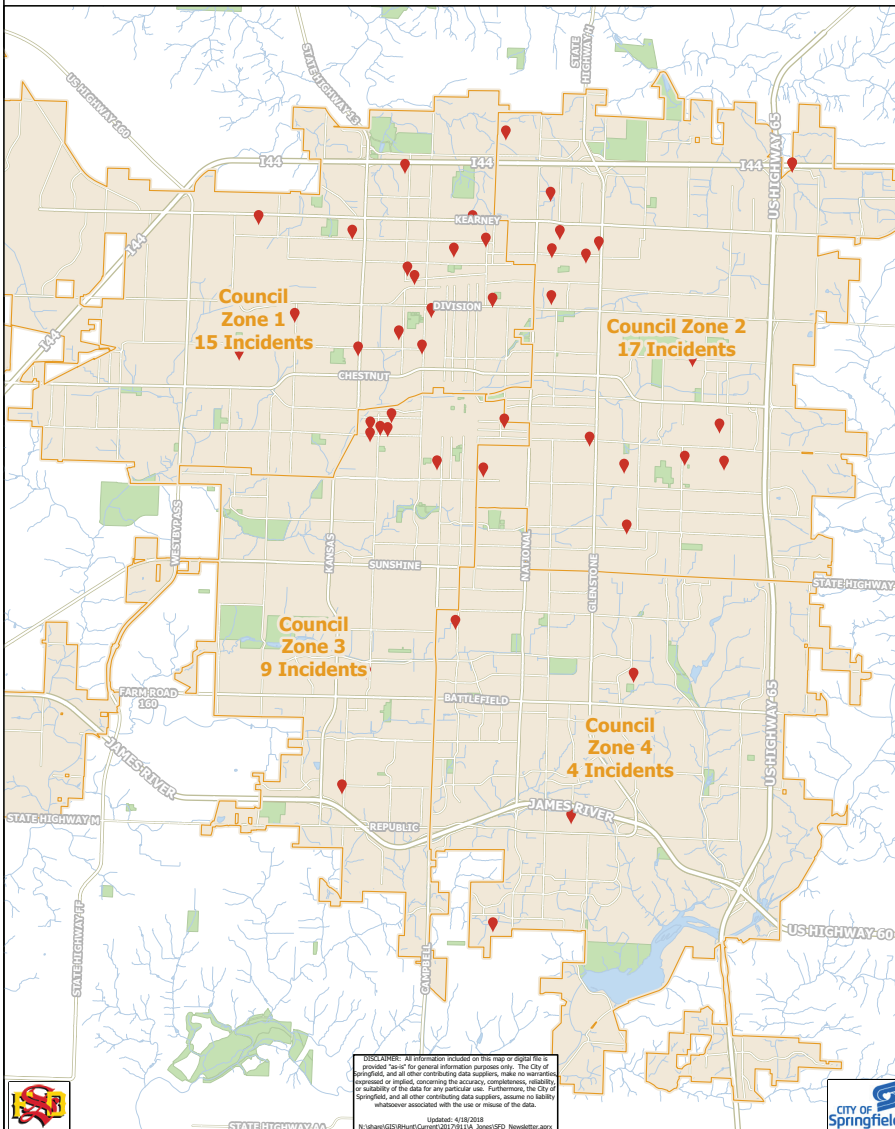
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Springfield Fire Statistics

Third Quarter 2017 (July - September)

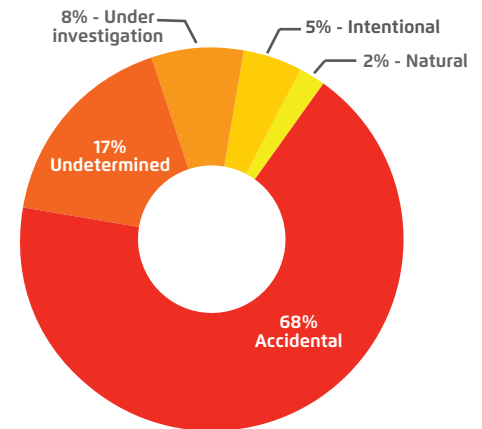
Structure Fires

Q1 - 2018



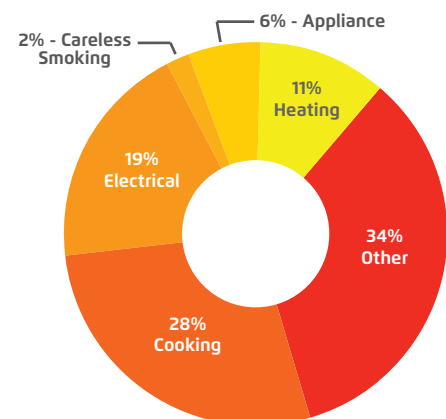
CAUSE OF IGNITION

January - March 2018



CAUSE OF ACCIDENTAL STRUCTURE FIRES

January - March 2018



January - March	2017	2018
Calls for Service	4,212	4,407
Building Fires	51	45
Other Fires	209	172
Medical/Rescue Calls	1,574	1,605

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